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Commissioner Lee moved the following:

CRC Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line 10
and insert:
Sections 3 and 4 of Article III of the State Constitution
are

After line 50
insert:

SECTION 4. Quorum and procedure.—
(a) A majority of the membership of each house shall



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12 constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day
13 to day and compel the presence of absent members in such manner
14 and under such penalties as it may prescribe. Each house shall
15 determine its rules of procedure.

16 (b) Sessions of each house shall be public; except sessions
17 of the senate when considering appointment to or removal from
18 public office may be closed.

19 (c) Each house shall keep and publish a journal of its
20 proceedings; and upon the request of five members present, the
21 vote of each member voting on any question shall be entered on
22 the journal. In any legislative committee, ~~or~~ subcommittee,
23 joint committee, or conference committee, a quorum shall be
24 required and the vote of each member voting on the final passage
25 of any legislation pending before the committee, and upon the
26 request of any two members of the committee, ~~or~~ subcommittee,
27 joint committee, or conference committee, the vote of each
28 member on any other question, shall be recorded.

29 (d) Each house may punish a member for contempt or
30 disorderly conduct and, by a two-thirds vote of its membership,
31 may expel a member.

32 (e) The rules of procedure of each house shall provide that
33 all legislative committee and subcommittee meetings of each
34 house, and joint conference committee meetings, shall be open
35 and noticed to the public. The rules of procedure of each house
36 shall further provide that all prearranged gatherings, between
37 more than two members of the legislature, or between the
38 governor, the president of the senate, or the speaker of the
39 house of representatives, the purpose of which is to agree upon
40 formal legislative action that will be taken at a subsequent



41 time, or at which formal legislative action is taken, regarding
42 pending legislation or amendments, shall be reasonably open to
43 the public. All open meetings shall be subject to order and
44 decorum. This section shall be implemented and defined by the
45 rules of each house, and such rules shall control admission to
46 the floor of each legislative chamber and may, where reasonably
47 necessary for security purposes or to protect a witness
48 appearing before a committee, provide for the closure of
49 committee meetings. Each house shall be the sole judge for the
50 interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of this section.

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52 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

53 And the title is amended as follows:

54 Delete lines 2 - 5

55 and insert:

56 Sections 3 and 4 of Article III of the State
57 Constitution to provide that the Legislature convene
58 for regular session on the second Tuesday after the
59 first Monday in January of each even-numbered year, to
60 require a quorum in any legislative committee,
61 subcommittee, joint committee, or conference
62 committee, and to specify that provisions governing
63 the recording of votes apply to joint committees and
64 conference committees.